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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 11, 2002, for the above-identified application, Applicant provisionally elects for prosecution Claims 35-43 (Group I). Applicant believes that the restriction requirement is improper and therefore makes the above election with traverse.

Applicant respectfully submits that for an election requirement to be proper the MPEP, at section 803, is clear that "there are two criteria for restriction between patentably distinct inventions" as follows (emphasis added):

- (1) The inventions must be independent . . . ; and
- (2) There must be a serious burden on the examiner if restriction is not required

Applicant respectfully submits that (1) all groups of restricted claims are properly presented in the same application; (2) undue diverse searching would not be required; and (3) all claims should be examined together. Accordingly, examination of claims 35-43 (Group I), in addition to claim 51 (Group II), would place no additional "serious" burden on the examiner, as examination of claim 51 (Group II) would not require undue diverse searching beyond that which would be necessary for examination of Claims 35-43 (Group I).

Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 51 (Group II) should be examined on the merits as well.

Both Group I and Group II claim the common elements of contacting a cleaning fabric with a solvent and engaging a supply roll to a printing press cylinder. Claim 35 pertains to a cleaning fabric roll having a 'strip'. Claim 51 pertains to a cleaning fabric roll. Therefore, Claim 51 is generic to the species of Claim 35 because Claim 51 encompasses embodiments having a solid roll or a roll made of a wrapped cleaning fabric strip. Figs. 2, 6 and 7, as stated by the examiner, all relate to Claims 35-43 and 51 since these are merely exemplary systems in which the roll may be used.

Claim 35 has been amended and Claims 52 and 53 have been added to advance the prosecution of the application. No new matter has been introduced by these Amendments.

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and an action on the merits of all the claims is respectfully requested.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary for consideration of this Response. In the event that an extension is required, such extension is hereby petitioned. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required by this paper, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 0140-4126US4. **A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.**

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX – A1 CLAIMS

35. (Twice Amended) A method of presoaking cloth for cleaning a cylinder in a printing press, the method comprising:

contacting a strip of cleaning fabric with a low volatility, compound solvent which does not evaporate readily at ambient temperature and pressure and soaking and saturating said strip of cleaning fabric with said solvent;

wrapping said strip of cleaning fabric to form a cleaning fabric supply roll;

and

engaging said saturated cleaning fabric supply roll with a printing press having a cylinder to be cleaned without disposing of a [heat-sealed] plastic sleeve about said fabric roll without substantially disturbing the distribution of said solvent in said fabric roll and detrimentally affecting the cleaning ability of the fabric.

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